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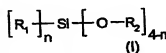
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(57) **Abstract:** The instant invention discloses a coating composition comprising a) an organic film-forming binder, and b) an inorganic additive of small particle size dispersed in an aqueous or alcoholic solvent prepared by a process which comprises the hydrolysis of a metal alcoholate or a compound of the formula (I) in which R_1 is C_1 - C_{10} alkyl, C_3 - C_{10} cycloalkyl, phenyl or C_1 - C_{10} alkyl substituted phenyl; R_2 is C_1 - C_{10} alkyl, and n is 0, 1, 2 or 3; with a base. These coatings for protecting surfaces are reinforced and show improved scratch resistance.

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